

### **Listing of claims**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of the claims in the application.

Claims 1-2 (Cancelled)

Claim 3. (New) Method to use an aqueous ionic solution obtained from sea water the ionic composition of which is qualitatively that of sea water and quantitatively such that its pH is from 4 to 9 and that its osmolality is from 150 to 700, for rinsing contact lenses, in particular those made of hydrophilic materials.

Claim 4 (New) Method to use according to claim 3 wherein the contact lenses are made of hydrophilic materials.

Claim 5. (New) Method to use an aqueous ionic solution, having

- a pH value lower than or at most equal to the lowest pH values of sea water,
- an osmolality lower than that of sea water and
- a ionic composition which is qualitatively and quantitatively that of sea water, with the exception that the potassium concentration is higher than that of sea water and that the Na, Mg, Ca and Cl concentrations are lower than those of sea water, said concentrations being

- for Na<sup>+</sup>, from 1300 to 1500,
- for K<sup>+</sup>, from 4500 to 6500,
- for Mg<sup>2+</sup>, from 50 to 1300,
- for Ca<sup>2+</sup>, from 20 to 350,
- for Cl<sup>-</sup>, from 4000 to 6000,

for rinsing contact lenses.

Claim 6 (New) Method to use according to claim 5 wherein the contact lenses are made of hydrophilic materials.

Claim 7. (New) Method according to claim 3 wherein the pH of the aqueous ionic solution is from 7 to 8.

Claim 8 (New) Method according to claim 3 wherein the osmolality of the aqueous ionic solution is from 250 to 350m Osm/kg.

Claim 9 (New) Method according to claim 3 wherein the pH of the aqueous ionic solution is from 7 to 8 and its osmolality from 250 to 350m Osm/kg.

Claim (New) 10 Method according to claim 5 wherein the Na<sup>\*</sup>, K<sup>\*</sup>, Mg<sup>\*\*</sup>, Ca<sup>\*\*</sup> and Cl<sup>\*</sup> concentrations are respectively

- from 500 to 1000 mg/l for Na<sup>\*</sup>,
- from 5000 to 6000 mg/l for K<sup>\*</sup>,
- from 100 to 500 mg/l for Mg<sup>\*\*</sup>,
- from 40 to 200 mg/l for Ca<sup>\*\*</sup>,
- from 4500 to 5000 mg/l for Cl<sup>\*</sup>.